In the Claims

Please amend claims 13-24 as shown herein.

Claims 13-24 are pending and are listed following:

13. **(currently amended)** ~~A~~ One or more computer readable ~~medium having information stored thereon to cause~~ media comprising computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct a computer to implement a method ~~of handling data, the method~~ comprising:

identifying a first node of a data structure, the first node ~~expressing~~ representing a syntax-independent programming intent;

identifying a further node of the data structure, the further node being based on the first node~~, wherein the further node contains~~ and containing data; and

identifying a unique name for code associated with the syntax-independent programming intent.

14. **(currently amended)** ~~The~~ One or more computer readable ~~medium of~~ media as recited in claim 13, further comprising computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct the computer to implement ~~and wherein~~ the method further ~~comprises:~~ comprising executing the code identified by the unique name.

15. **(currently amended)** ~~The~~ One or more computer readable ~~medium of~~ media as recited in claim 13 wherein the code comprises low level computational constructs.

16. **(currently amended)** ~~The~~ One or more computer readable ~~medium of~~ media as recited in claim 13 wherein ~~further~~ additional nodes comprise a hierarchical tree of nodes, each identifying a programming intent.

17. **(currently amended)** A method of handling data, the method comprising:

reading a first node of a hierarchical tree, the first node ~~that expresses~~ representing a syntax-independent programming intent;

identifying a further node of the hierarchical tree, the further node being based on the first node~~, wherein the further node contains~~ and containing data; and

identifying a unique name for code associated with the syntax-independent programming intent.

18. **(currently amended)** ~~The~~ A method ~~of~~ as recited in claim 17 ~~and wherein the method~~ further ~~comprises:~~ comprising executing the code identified by the unique name.

19. **(currently amended)** ~~The~~ A method ~~of~~ as recited in claim 17 wherein the code comprises low level computational constructs.

20. **(currently amended)** ~~The~~ A method ~~of~~ as recited in claim 17 wherein ~~further~~ additional nodes comprise ~~a~~ the hierarchical tree, each of the additional nodes identifying a programming intent.

21. (currently amended) A data structure stored on ~~a~~ one or more computer readable ~~medium~~ media, the data structure comprising:

a first node representative of a syntax-independent programming intent;

a second node having data to be manipulated when implementing the syntax-independent programming intent;~~, the first node having a unique identifier of the second node; and~~

wherein the first node has a unique identifier of the second node, and the first node uniquely identifies code for implementing the programming intent.

22. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A data structure ~~of~~ as recited in claim 21 wherein ~~the further~~ one or more additional nodes comprise a hierarchical tree of nodes that are each representative of a syntax-independent programming intent, and wherein each node uniquely ~~identifying~~ identifies code for implementing ~~their~~ the respective programming ~~intents~~ intent.

23. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A data structure ~~of~~ as recited in claim 22 wherein the one or more additional nodes comprise nodes selected from multiple different computational constructs.

24. (currently amended) A data structure as recited in claim 21, wherein ~~stored on a computer readable medium representing a node in a tree,~~ the data structure ~~comprising~~ further comprises:

a node type tag and unique identifier pointing to implementation code;

an optional data section; and

a list of offspring of the node identified by the node type tag and a list of pointers to further nodes.